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SUBJ: DENKTASH COMMENTS ON COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

1. IN AUGUST 11 INTERVIEW WITH BBC CORRESPONDENT, TURK CYPRIOT
LEADER DENKTASH INDICATED THAT "TFSC" HAD APPLIED TO SRI LANKA
DIRECTLY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, THAT A REMINDE
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TELEGRAM HAD BEEN SENT, BUT THAT NO REPLY HAD BEEN RECIEVED.
DENKTASH ALSO NOTED THAT "TFSC DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF
DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS" CHELIK HAD LEFT CYPRUS TO MAKE
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CONTACTS IN TURKEY WITH FRIENDLY FOREIGN EMBASSIES. CHELIK,

ADDED DENKTASH, MAY ALREADY BE IN KARACHI TO TRY TO GO TO SRI LANKA TO PRESENT THE TURK CYPRIOT CASE ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

2. ALLUDING TO FACT THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS APPARENTLY CONVINCED GSL NOT TO ISSUE VISA TO TURK CYPRIOTS, DENKTASH COMMENTED: "WE FEEL THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS MAY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN ANOTHER LITTLE GAME OF CLOSING THE DOOR TO US FROM PUTTING OUR CASE BEFORE INTERESTED PARTIES. WE ARE NOT WORRIED....THE MORE THE GREEKS SUCCEED IN CLOSING THE DOOR TO US AND IN HAVING OUR DEFENSE PUSHED OVERBOARD, THE MORE WE ARE PUSHED IN THE DIRECTION OF A SPLIT AND TOTAL SEPARATION."

3. CONTINUING, DENKTASH SAID: "A COMMUNITY CANNOT LIVE STATELESS AND THE CYPRUS PROBLEM CANNOT BE SOLVED WITHOUT FULLY HEARING THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY. ANY ATTEMPT TO DO SO WILL COMPLETELY SEPARATE US. WHAT MAKARIOS WILL GAIN FROM THESE LITTLE SUCCESSES I DO NOT KNOW BECAUSE IN THE LONG RUN THEY ARE NOT SUCCESSES BUT THEY ARE THE FOUNDATIONS FOR COMPLETE SEPARATION. WE ARE FRANK ABOUT IT AND WE ARE TRYING TO PASS THIS MESSAGE ON TO THE GREEK SIDE." DENKTASH ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT TURKISH SIDE WOULD NOT ACCEPT OR IMPLEMENT ANY RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITHOUT THE TURKISH SIDE BEING HEARD.
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